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THE ACT of Parliament

Of the 27th. of

QUEEN ELIZABETH,

TO

Preserve the Queens Person, and Protestant Religion, and Government, from the Attempts of the Papists, then big with Hopes of a

Popish SUCCESSOR.

WITH

The Association the Protestants then entred into, to the Ends aforesaid, till the Parliament could Meet, and Provide for their Necessary Preservations.

TOGETHER

With some Sober and Seasonable Queries upon the same.

By a Sincere Protestant, and True Friend to his Country.

Eccles. 3. 15.

That which hath been, is now; and that which is to be, hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.

v. 18. *And in her was found the blood of Prophets, and of Saints, and of all that were slain upon the Earth.*

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ANNO XXVII.

An Act for Provision to be made for the Surety of the Queens *Majesties most* Royal Person, *and the Continuance of the* Realm *in Peace.*

FOR as much as the good felicity and comfort of the whole Estate of this Realm consisteth (only next under God) in the surety and preservation of the *Queens* most excellent Majesty: And for that it hath manifestly appeared, that sundry wicked Plots and means have of late been devised and laid as well in forreign parts beyond the Seas, as also within this Realm, to the great Indangering of Her Highness most Royal Person and to the utter Ruine of the whole Commonweal, if by Gods merciful Providence the same had not been revealed: Therefore for preventing of such great Perils as might hereafter otherwise grow, by the like detestible and Divilish Practises, at the humble Sute and earnest Petition and desire of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same Parliament, be it Enacted and Ordained, if at any time after the end of this present Session of Parliament, any open Invasion or Rebellion shall be had or made, into or within any of Her Majesties Realms or Dominions, or any Act attempted, tending to the hurt of Her Majesties most Royal Person *by or for* any Person that shall or may pretend any Title to the Crown of this Realm, after Her Majesties Decease: or if any thing shall be compassed or imagined, tending to the hurt of Her Majesties Royal Person, by any Person, or with the *Privity* of any Person that shall or may pretend Title to the Crown of this Realm; that then by Her Majesties Commission under Her Great Seal, the Lords and other of Her Highness *Privy Council*, and such other Lords of Parliament to be Named by Her Majesty, as with the said *Privy Council* shall make up the Number of *Four and Twenty* at the least, having with them for their Assistance in that behalf such of the *Judges* of the Courts of Record at *Westminster*, as Her Highness shall for that purpose Assign and Appoint, or the more part of the same *Council*, *Lords* and *Judges*, shall by virtue of this Act have Authority to examine all and every the Offences aforesaid, and all Circumstances thereof, and thereupon to give Sentence or Judgment, as upon good proof the matter shall appear unto them; and that after such Sentence or Judgment given, and Declaration thereof made and published by Her Majesties Proclamation under the Great Seal of *England*, all Persons against whom such Sentence or Judgment shall be so given and published, shall be *excluded and disabled for ever to* have or claim, *or to* pretend to have or claim the Crown of this Realm, or of any Her Majesties Dominions, any former Law or Statute whatsoever to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: And that thereupon *all Her Highness Subjects* shall and may lawfully by virtue of this Act, and Her Majesties direction in that behalf, by forceable and possible means pursue to Death every such wicked Person, by whom or by whose means, assent or privity, any such Invasion or Rebellion shall be in form aforesaid denounced to have been made, or such wicked Act attempted, or other thing Compassed or Imagined against Her Majesties Person, and all their Aiders, Comforters and Abettors.

And if any such detestible Act shall be Executed against Her Highness most Royal Person, whereby Her Majesties Life shall be taken away (which God of his great Mercy forbid:) that then every such Person, by or for whom any such Act shall be Executed, and their Issues being any wise assenting or privy to the same, shall by virtue of this Act be excluded and disabled for ever to have or claim, or to pretend to have or claim the said Crown of this Realm or of any other Her Highness Dominions, any former Law or Statute whatsoever to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And that all the Subjects of this Realm, and all other Her Majesties Dominions, shall and may Lawfully by virtue of this Act, by all forcible and possible means, pursue to Death every such wicked Person, by whom, or by whose means, any such detestable Fact shall be in form hereafter expressed denounced to have been committed and also their *Issues* being any way Assenting or Privy to the same, and all their *Aiders*, *Comforters*, *and Abettors* in that behalf.

And to the end that the intention of this Law may be effectually Executed, if Her Majesties life shall be taken away, by any Violent or Unnatural meanes (which God defend:) Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Lords and others which shall be of Her

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Majesties *Privy Council* at the time of such her Decease, or the more part of the same Council, joining unto them for their better Assistance five other Earls, and seven other Lords of *Parliament* at the least, (foreseeing that none of the said Earls, Lords or Council be known to be persons that may make any Title to the Crown,) those persons which were Chief Justices of either Bench, Master of the Rolls, and Chief Baron of the Exchequer at the time of Her Majesties Death, or in default of the said Justices, Master of the Rolls, and Chief Baron, some other of those which were Justices of some of the Courts of Records at *Westminster*, at the time of Her Highness Decease, to supply their places, or any four and twenty or more of them, whereof eight to be Lords of the Parliament, not being of the *Privy Council*, shall to the uttermost of their Power and Skill examine the cause and manner of such Her Majesties Death, and what persons shall be any way Guilty thereof, and all Circumstances concerning the same according to the true meaning of this Act, and thereupon shall by open Proclamation publish the same, and without any delay by all forcible and possible means prosecute to death all such as shall be found to be Offenders therein, and all their Aiders and Abettors: and for the doing thereof, and for the withstanding and suppressing of all such power and force, as shall any way be levied or stirred in disturbance of the due execution of this Law, shall by Vertue of this Act, have power and Authority not only to raise and use such forces as shall in that behalf be needfull and convenient, but also to use all other means and things possible and necessary for the maintenance of the same forces, and prosecution of the said Offendors. And if any such power and force shall be levied or stirred in disturbance of the due Execution of this Law, by any person that shall or may pretend any Title to the Crown of this Realm, whereby this Law may not in all things be fully Executed: according to the effect and true meaning of the same: that then every such person shall by vertue of this Act be therefore Excluded and Disabled for Ever to have or Claim, or to pretend to have or Claim the Crown of this Realm, or of any other Her Highness Dominions, any former Law or Statute whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all and every the Subjects of all Her Majesties Realms and Dominions, shall to the uttermost of their power, aid and assist the said Councel and all other the Lords and other persons to be adjoined unto them for Assistance, as is aforesaid, in all things to be done and executed according to the effect and intention of this Law: and that no Subject of this Realm shall in any wise be impeached in Body, Lands or Goods, at any time hereafter for any thing to be done or executed according to the Tenor of this Law, any Law or Statute heretofore made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

The Association And whereas of late many of Her Majesties good and faithful Subjects have in the Name of God and with the Testimonies of good Consciences, by one Uniform manner of Writing under their Hands and Seals, and by their several Oaths Voluntarily taken, joined themselves together in one Bond and Association to withstand and Revenge to the uttermost all such Malicious actions and attempts against Her Majesties most Royal person: now for the full Explaining of all such Ambiguities and Questions as otherwise might happen to grow by reason of any sinister or wrong Construction or Interpretation to be made or inferred of or upon the words or meaning thereof, be it Declared and Enacted by the Authority of this present Parliament, that the same Association and every Article and Sentence therein contained, as well concerning the Disallowing; Excluding or Disabling any person that may or shall pretend any Title to come to the Crown of this Realm, as also for the pursuing and taking revenge of any person for any such wicked Act or Attempt as is mentioned in the same Association, shall and ought to be in all things expounded and adjudged according to the true intent and meaning of this Act, and not otherwise, nor against any other Person or Persons.

In Consideration of the said Act, may it not be Quæried?

FIrst, Respecting the Eminent Danger that *England* was in at that time by the *Papists*, who in Expectation of a *Popish Successor* (*Mary* Queen of *Scots*) design'd to Murder the Queen, and Subvert the Government and Protestant Religion, by their Hellish Plots both at Home and Abroad.

Query I. Whether it is not a direct Parallel Case to our own at this very time, wherein the *Papists* in Hopes of a *Popish Successor* (the Duke of *York*) have so long, and by so many ways, design'd to Murder the King, and Subvert the Government, and Protestant Religion, by their Hellish *Plots*, both at Home and Abroad; As the manifold and still renewed Discoveries of the Plot, the reiterated Proclamations, Publick Fasts, Legal proceeding, and

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repeated Parliament Votes upon it, doth ſo fully appear? Some of which Votes are theſe, *VIZ.*

Die Martis. 25 March, 1679.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, *By the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament Aſſembled, that they do Declare, that they are fully Satisfied by the proofs they have heard, there now is, and for divers years laſt paſt hath been, a Horrid and Treaſonable Plot and Conſpiracy, contrived and carried on by thoſe of the* Popiſh Religion, *for the Murdering of His Majeſties Sacred Perſon, and for the Subverting the* Proteſtant Religion, *and the Ancient and Eſtabliſhed Government of this Kingdom.*

Sunday, *April* 27, 1679.

Reſolved Nemine Contradicente, *That the Duke of* York *being a Papiſt, and the hopes of his coming ſuch to the Crown, hath given the greateſt encouragment and Countenance to the preſent Conſpiracies and Deſigns of the* Papiſts *againſt the King and Proteſtant Religion.*

And again in the Intended Act; *To Declare, that the Duke of* York *having openly departed from the Church of* England, *and Publickly Profeſt and Owned the* Popiſh Religion, *hath Notoriouſly given Birth and Life to the moſt Damnable and Helliſh Plot, (by the Moſt Gracious Providence of God brought to Light)* &c.

Secondly, As to the Remedies then Applyed, and ſo Effectually (by Gods Bleſſing) for the preſervation of Her *Majeſties Perſon, Proteſtant Religion and Government*; As 1. By *that famous Aſſociation, entred into by the People in the Interval of Parliament.* 2. *The wholeſome Laws made by the Parliament at their meeting.*

Firſt, *As to the Aſſociation of the People in that Extraordinary Caſe.*

Quæry II. Whether the good People of *England* (now in like Caſe) in ſenſe of their moſt Eminent Danger, are not loudly call'd upon in this Interval of *Parliament*, to be in a preparedneſs to enter into ſuch a Solemne Aſſociation, to preſerve the *Kings Perſon, Proteſtant Religion and Government*, with their Lives and Fortunes; And to be ready to Revenge upon the *Papiſts*, any Violence by them offered in the mean time to His *Majeſties Perſon*; and to prevent any *Popiſh Succeſſor*, till the Parliament may meet and provide for the Neceſſary preſervation of *King and Kingdom.* And whether from the Circumſtances of Danger that appears to *King and Kingdom* now, there is not the ſame Reaſon to ſuppoſe, it may be as acceptable to His Majeſty now, as to the Q. then; and to be as well approved by the Approaching *Parliament* now, as by that *Parliament* then? Eſpecially ſince the late *Parliaments* Votes are ſo Leading and Obliging thereto. *VIZ.*

Sunday, *May* 11, 1679.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, *That in Defence of the Kings Perſon, and the Proteſtant Religion, this Houſe doth Declare, That they will ſtand by his Majeſty with their Lives and Fortunes; and that if his Majeſty ſhould come by any Violent Death, (which God forbid) they will Revenge it to the Utmoſt on the Papiſts.*

And in their Addreſs to the King upon it, *May* 19, 1679. do further ſay, *VIZ.*

And further to Obviate by the beſt Means we can, all wicked Practices againſt your Majeſties Perſon and Proteſtant Religion, whilſt any ſuch Laws are in preparation and bringing to Perfection, We will ſtand by your Majeſty with our Lives and Fortunes, and ſhall be ready to revenge upon the Papiſts any Violence offered by them to your Sacred Perſon: In which we hope your Majeſty will Graciouſly Pleaſe to be more Aſſured, as we our ſelves are the more Encouraged, in that the Hearts of all your Majeſties Proteſtant Subjects with the moſt ſincere Affection and Zeal, join with us herein.

And for which the King gave them his Thanks, aſſuring them he would do what in him lay to preſerve the *Proteſtant* Religion, and to do all ſuch things as may tend to the good and benefit of the Subject.

Secondly, *As to the good Laws made this* 27 *of* Q. Elizabeth, *to the preſervation of the Queen, Proteſtant Religion and Government.*

Quæry III. Whether we may not Hopefully expect that the Parliament at their meeting, (as the Parliament then did) will make ſuch good Laws as may tend to preſerve the *Kings Perſon, the Government and Proteſtant Religion*, and may ſecure us againſt a *Popiſh Succeſſor*, and puniſh the *Popiſh* Traytors and Delinquents; As this Parliament and other Parliaments of this Q. did, and as was in the Hearts and Endeavours of the laſt Worthy Parliament to Effect, not only by the good Acts they had prepared againſt the *Papiſts*, and Reſolutions to try the Delinquents, But in that famous Act to Exclude the Duke of *Y.* from the Succeſſion in purſuance to their Vote, *VIZ.*

Sunday, *May* 11, 1679.

Ordered,

That a Bill be brought in to Diſable the Duke of *York* to Inherit the Imperial Crown of this Realm.

Which Bill was brought in accordingly, being *read and paſst and Ordered* to be Ingroſſed, and was as followeth.

A Copy of the Bill, concerning the Duke of York.

FOraſmuch as theſe Kingdoms of *England* and *Ireland*, by the wonderful Providence of Almighty God, many years ſince have been delivered from the ſlavery and ſuperſtition of *Popery*, which had diſpoiled the King of his Soveraign Power, for that it did and doth advance the *Pope* of *Rome* to a Power over Sovereign Princes, and makes him Monarch of the Univerſe, and doth withdraw the Subjects from their Allegiance, by pretended Abſolutions from all former Oaths and Obligations to their Lawful Soveraign, and by many Superſtitions and Immoralities hath quite ſubverted the Ends of the Chriſtian Religion: but notwitſtanding that *Popery* hath been long ſince Condemned, by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, for the deteſtable Doctrines and Trayterous Attempts of its Adherents, againſt the lives of their Lawful Soveraigns, Kings, and Queens of theſe Realms, yet the Emiſſaries, Prieſts and Agents for the Pope of *Rome* reſorting into this Kingdom of *England* in great numbers, contrary to the known Laws thereof, have for ſeveral years laſt paſt; as well by their own Deviliſh Acts and Policies, as by Counſels and Aſſiſtances of Foreign Princes and Prelates, known Enemies to theſe Nations, contrived and carried on a moſt Horrid and Execrable Conſpiracy to deſtroy and murder the Perſon of his Sacred Majeſty, and to ſubvert the Ancient Goverment of theſe Realms, and to extirpate the Proteſtant Religion, and Maſſacre the true Profeſſors thereof: And for the better effecting their Wicked Deſigns and encouraging their Villanous Accomplices, they have Traytorouſly ſeduced *James* Duke of *York*, preſumptive Heir of theſe Crowns, to the Communion of the Church of *Rome*, and have induced him to enter into ſeveral Negotiations with the *Pope*, his *Cardinals* and *Nuncio's*, for promoting the *Romiſh* Church and Intereſt, and by his means and procurement have advanced the Power and Greatneſs of the *French* King to the manifeſt hazard of theſe Kingdoms, that by the Deſcent of theſe Crowns upon a *Papiſt*, and by Forreign Alliances and Aſſiſtance, they may be able to ſucceed in their Wicked and Villanous Deſigns. And foraſmuch as the Parliament of *England*, according to the Laws and Statutes thereof, have heretofore for great and weighty Reaſons of State, and for the Publick Good and Common Intereſt of this Kingdom, directed and limited the Succeſſion of the Crown in other manner than of courſe it would otherwiſe have gone; but never had ſuch Important and urgent Reaſons, as at this time preſs and require their uſing of their ſaid Extraordinary Power in that behalf. Be it therefore Enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by, and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in this Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame. And it is hereby Enacted accordingly, that *James* Duke of *York*, *Albany* and *Ulſter*, (having departed openly from the Church of *England*, and having Publickly Profeſſed and Owned the *Popiſh* Religion, which hath notoriouſly given Birth and Life to the moſt Damnable and Helliſh Plot, by the moſt Gracious Providence of God lately brought to light) ſhall be excluded and diſabled and is hereby excluded and diſabled for ever, from poſſeſſing, having, holding, inheriting, or enjoying the Imperial Crowns and Governments of this Realm and theſe Kingdoms, and of all Territories Countries and Dominions now, or which ſhall hereafter be under His Majeſties Subjection, and of and from all Titles, Rights, Prerogatives and Revenues with the ſaid Crowns, now, or hereafter to be enjoy'd; and that upon the demiſe or Death of His Majeſty, without Heirs of his Body (whom God long preſerve) the Crowns and Governments of theſe Kingdoms, and all Territories Countries and Dominions now, or which ſhall hereafter be under His Majeſties Subjection, with all the Rights, Prerogatives and Revenues therewith, of right enjoyed, and to be enjoyed, ſhall devolve and come upon ſuch Perſon who ſhall be next Lawful Heir of the ſame, and who ſhall have always been truly and profeſſedly of the Proteſtant Religion now eſtabliſhed by Law within this Kingdom, as if the ſaid Duke of *York* were actually dead; and that whatever Acts of Soveraign Power the ſaid Duke of *York* ſhall at any time Exert or Exerciſe, ſhall be taken, deemed, and adjudged, and are hereby declared, and Enacted High Treaſon and to be puniſhed accordingly.

And foraſmuch as the peace, ſafety and well-being of theſe Kingdoms do ſo entirely depend upon the due Execution of, and obedience to this Law, be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon ſhall in any wiſe, at any time, during the Kings Life (which God preſerve) or after his demiſe or deceaſe, aid, aſſiſt, council or hold Correſpondency with the ſaid *Duke* of *York*, (who is, and ought to be eſteemed a perpetual Enemy to theſe Kingdoms and Governments) either within theſe Kingdomes or out of them; or ſhall endeavour or contrive his return in to either of them, or into any of the Territories or Dominions of the ſame; or ſhall, during the Kings Life, publiſh or declare him to be the Lawful, or Rightful Succeſſor Apparent, preſumptive, or other Heir to the Crown of *England*; or ſhall after the demiſe, or deceaſe of the King that now is, Proclaim, Publiſh,

Publiſh, or Declare the ſaid Duke of *York* to be King, or to have Right or Title to the Crown or Government of *England* or *Ireland*; or ſhall by Word, Writing or Printing, maintain or aſſert that he hath any manner of Right or Title to the Crown or Government of theſe Kingdoms, and ſhall be therefore convict upon the Evidence of two or more lawful and credible Witneſſes, ſhall be adjudged guilty of High Treaſon, and ſhall ſuffer and forfeit as in caſes of High Treaſon.

And foraſmuch as the ſaid Duke's return or coming into any of the aforeſaid Kingdoms, Countries, Territories, or Dominions; will naturally conduce to bring vaſt miſchiefs, and all the evil hereby provided againſt upon them, in War and Slaughter, and unſpeakable Calamities, which therefore the ſaid Duke muſt be preſumed to deſign by ſuch his return, or coming into any of the aforeſaid Kingdoms, Countries, Territories or Dominions: Be it therefore likewiſe Enacted, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if the ſaid Duke do at any time hereafter return or come into any of the aforeſaid Kingdoms, Countries, Territories or Dominions; he ſhall be and is hereby, thereupon and for ſo doing, attainted of High Treaſon: and all manner of perſons whatſoever, are hereby authoriſed and required, to Apprehend, Secure and Impriſon his Perſon; and in caſe of reſiſtance made by him, or any of his Accomplices, to Subdue, or Impriſon him, or them, by force of Arms.

Query IV. Whether the *Proteſtants of England* have not Cauſe by ſad Experience, to be made ſenſible what a horrid deteſtable thing the *Popiſh Religion* is, or rather, what a Faction and Confederacy it is againſt all Mankind, that ſubmit not their Bodies and Souls to that Tyrannous *Romiſh* Yoak; who by Principle (to accompliſh their curſed Ends and Deſigns) can violate Faith, ſay, ſwear, forſwear any thing, yea at the very point of death, [*witneſs their own Books, & late Trials and Executions*] kill and murder Kings, [*as their own writings and practiſes in all Ages, and particularly their deſigns and attempts upon Q.* E. *K.* J. *and his Majeſty that now is, ſo fully evidence*] Maſſacre their Neighbours, Friends, and neareſt Relations, [*witneſs* Paris, Piedmont, *the* 300000 *in* Ireland, *and the late never to be forgotten helliſh Butchery of Sir* Edmondberry Godfrey] Fry and Burn our perſons, [*as* Smithfield, *&c. witneſſeth*] Fire, and lay waſte our Cities [*which* London *in Chief can never forget, and who had their hands in Chief therein*] Buy and Sell (at the Devotion of Forreigners) the Prorogations and Diſſolutions of our Parliaments [*as* Coleman's *and the Treaſurers Letters can at large tell you.*] How brutiſhly Cruel and Barbarous to their Native Countrey [*By their late deſigning, not only to raiſe an Army within us to Enſlave us, but to bring upon us that Army of Forreiners, the* Spaniſh *Cruſado or Pilgrims, under the Popes Banner, thoſe Devils incarnate as they appeared to the* Waldenſes *of Old.*] How reſtleſs and unwearied in their Conſpiracies and Attempts, notwithſtanding their many Fruſtrations [*juſt as it was in Q.* E. *time, when though* 67 *Prieſts and Jeſuites were then Executed, and* 53 *Baniſhed, Diſcovered and Defeated in every Enterpriſe; yet, no ſooner was one deſign made Abortive, but they preſently hatcht and attempted another, and ſo went on all her dayes; and how good they have been at it ſince, through the* 3 *ſucceeding Kings Reigns to this very day, the St.* Omers *Records, Kallendar of* Newgate, *and Parliament Roles can fully tell you.*] And with what Horrid Impudence [as in the *Powder Treaſon, Paris* and *Iriſh* Maſſacre] they can out-face the Fulleſt and Cleareſt Diſcoveries (though brought as now ſo undeniably out of their own Bowels and ſo multiply'd upon them, [*witneſs their Atheiſtical aſtoniſhing lying Deaths, and thoſe ſwarms of Inſolent and Audacious Papers, daily like their Fire-balls flung amongſt us, and which like Wild-fire take place with ſome perſons, as in their houſes formerly,* Sometimes as though a Proteſtant Plot to deſtroy them. And again, ſo Helliſhly and Jeſuitically ſubtil in managing their Deſigns, [*That when the bare fac'd Papiſt cannot do it, the Proteſtant in Maſcarade ſhall*] *The Stratagem of this very day and above all to be watcht againſt*) As *Colemans* Declaration for the Church of *England* at that very time when they ſo deſign'd its Extirpation; *being as you'l alſo find, the very Deveiliſme of* Savage *and other Prieſts in Q.* E. *time, who the better to Lull in Security. and to cover* Babingtons *Treaſons in Killing the Q. which they had ingaged him and others at that time to perpetrate, do at that ſame time write a Book, exhorting the Papiſts in* England *to attempt nothing againſt their Prince, and to uſe only the Chriſtian weapons of Tears, Prayers, Watching and Faſting.* And at another time the better to divert the ſtroak ſo unavoidably coming upon them, they fall upon their Old Method to devide the *Proteſtants* among themſelves; *And therefore putting on a Vizard of Conformity, cry loudly out againſt the Preſbyterians, as being only a Plot of their deviſing, who under pretence of Suppreſſing of Popery, have no other deſign then to caſt down the Mitre and the Crown* (being poor hearts ſo tender of Heretical Kings and Biſhops); *ſo Villainous are theſe Miſcreants, who with their Father the Devil can transform themſelves into any ſhape to Accompliſh their Ends and accommodate their Miſchievous Purpoſes.*

Therefore, whether all true-hearted *Engliſh* Proteſtants, though of different forms and perſwaſions as they value their Bodies, Souls, Eſtates, Poſterities, Religion, Peace and Proſperity of King and Countrey, Are not throughly engaged by all wayes and means to preſerve and deliver themſelves from ſuch a Helliſh and Intollerable Yoak and Bondage, and in order thereto to preſerve Peace and Union amongſt themſelves, ſo eminently ſtruck at in this very juncture; without which it is not to be attained and which the common Enemy knows right well.

Query V.

Query V. Whether for any pretending Proteſtantiſme (after ſuch undeniable demonſtrations of the Helliſh and Damnable Plottings and Actings as before,) having ſeen our Cities and Burroughs ſo often fired, and refired, Sir *Edmondbury Godfry* Butcher'd, *Colemans, and Treaſurers* Letters, ſo ſignally brought to light,) Two Parliaments Repeated Votes, the Kings reiterated Proclamations, the publick Faſts, and Biſhops Prayers; can now at laſt be made ſo Drunk with the Cup of their Fornications, and bewitched with their lying Inchantments and Forgeries; (So as giving the lye to King and Parliament, and their own Senſes) to defraud and Invalidate the Witneſſes, Mince or deny the Plot; and call it with them a *Proteſtant* or *Presbyterian* project, pleading for a *Popiſh* Succeſſor; Ought to be eſteemed others, than betrayers of their King and Countrey, *Runagadoe's* to their Religion, (if ever *Proteſtants* at all,) and the worſt of Papiſts: And that whatever otherwiſe they may pretend, yet to be *ſo markt* and dealt with in City and Countrey.

Query VI. Whether the Proteſtant Intereſt in theſe Nations, in the feeling ſence of their moſt Eminent Danger, would as one man, Petition and Beſeech his Majeſty, as he tenders his own Life and ſafety, the preſervation of the Proteſtant Religion, the Lives, and Liberties of his People, ſecurity and peace of his Kingdoms and Governments; And to be ſecured not only from the reſtleſs Attempts of ſuch an Inveterate, Implacable Enemy within us, but from the preſent Threats, and great Preparations of a Succesſfull Potent Enemy without us: That he be not prevailed with by any, either to Retard the Parliaments ſitting, or when ſat, to hinder the paſſing of ſuch good Laws as may naturally tend to the Common ſafety of theſe Nations, and therein of his own Perſon and Proteſtant Religion.

Query VII. Whether it may not well become the Wiſdom of the *Parliament* at their next meeting (the better to ſecure the *Proteſtant* Cauſe and Intereſt, ſo eminently ſtruck at in this juncture both at home and abroad) to petition his Majeſty not only for a right Ordering of a *Proteſtant* League and Aſſociation within our ſelves in theſe 3 Kingdoms, but to further and promote the ſame amongſt all the *Proteſtant Princes* and Countries, as well within themſelves as one with another; As the moſt hopeful way to fruſtrate the uſurping Attempts not only of the Old Pretender, but the new Rampant deſigner to the Univerſal Monarchy, the better to inſlave the Bodies and Souls of the Nations.

Whoever deſires to be better Informed into the Blaſphemies, Immoralities and Atheiſm of the Church of *Rome*, as delivered from their own *Canoniſts*, *Divines* ſecular and regular, and their Councils.

Let them peruſe a Book, lately written by a Learned Pen, called *The Practical Divinity* of the *Papiſts* diſcovered, to be deſtructive to *Chriſtianity*, and Mens Souls.

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